

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Dec. 29, 2009; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, Jon Ulmschneider, Christopher Stanley, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance: Butch Guertin.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by N. Blank, to accept as submitted; motion carried unanimously.**

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual company correspondence distributed.**

**„« Note from Amy Sanderson read. N. Blank made motion, with second by R. Miner, to get plaque for Amy, thanking her for her seven years as rescue lieutenant.**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Chief has not heard back from many about returned gear; still calling for return of items from inactive members. He stated attendance requirement 25% training, 25% calls, and 50% meetings to be active. Chief sent some letters.**

**„« Flag poles and flags now installed at Town Common.**

**„« Proposed fire department 2010/2011 budget ready to be submitted to town manager. Chief stated he requested level funding, with the**

exception of an increase for him (he did not get one last year), and having Tracy full-time. Capital items requested: new Chief's vehicle (\$40,000), new rescue vehicle (\$180,000), firefighter gear (\$10,000), and station upkeep (\$5,000). If new Chief's vehicle approved, the old one will be placed at Sta. 6 as a first response vehicle. Reverse 9-1-1 would cost approximately \$12,000.; felt it should come from Town Council budget.

„« Officer's Test scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 10th, 10:00 a.m. at Station 3.

#### **New Business:**

„« New CO detectors distributed. After Jan. 6th the policy will be for dispatch to send the district engine only for possible CO calls. Special Hazards and Eng. 6 will still carry the multi-gas meter.

„« H1N1 shots available Dec. 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Miriam Hospital. There will be an H1N1 clinic for first responders (EMS, fire & police) on Jan. 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Martin Middle School in East Providence. A public clinic will be at KMS on Feb. 6th; volunteers are needed for this. Additional forms distributed.

„« 2010 Board appointments remain unchanged.

„« J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by R. Miner, to appoint Carolyn O'Brien as recording secretary for 2010; motion unanimously carried.

„« Jan. 4th iV Tower 1 ladder to be tested; truck now one year old.

„« Member resigned from Tower 1 only, due to medical reason. Not resigning from rescue.

**„« Chief notified all rescue members Amy Sanderson will no longer be a lieutenant, based on EMS policy of lieutenant rotation. Joe Costa now rescue L-4, with all other lieutenants moving up one. Chief read note from Amy Sanderson re: her time as lieutenant. Chief to send her a thank you letter. N. Bland made motion, with second by R. Miner, to present her with a plaque for her seven years service.**

### **Station Reports:**

**„« J. Ulmschneider asked who plowed by Sta. 5 shed; shed hit.**

### **Training:**

**„« FF I practicals scheduled for Jan. 9th. Two people failed final written; they can re-test. Results much improved over last class; almost all instructors were in-house. Quiz questions were based on power-point presentation; final came from book. Only final exam counted as final grade.**

**„« EMT-B class almost finished; going well.**

**„« Chief will conduct Mayday training at company meetings ¡V Sta. 6 ¡V Jan. 4th at 8:00 p.m.; Sta. 3 ¡V Jan. 5th at 8:00 p.m.; Sta. 5 ¡V Feb. 1st at 7:30 p.m.; Sta. 2 ¡V Feb. 2nd at 7:45 p.m.**

**„« HazMat classes for FF I attendees scheduled for Jan. 16, 23, & 30. Attendance at all three required. Current requirement 24 hours; after this it will be 32 hours.**

**„« SOP class scheduled for Jan. 12th; Accountability class set for Jan. 14th. These will be held in the Training Room, and are mainly for**

**probationary members who have not taken the classes.**

**There being no further business to discuss R. Miner made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**